

(a) The {State Court Administrator,} ~~GENERAL-ASSEMBLY~~ shall determine the amount of all court costs and charges for the circuit courts of the counties and the courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY JOINT RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION MAY ADOPT, MODIFY OR REJECT ANY OR ALL OF THE FEES AND CHARGES DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL IMPLEMENT THE FEES AS SET BY THE RESOLUTION[with the approval of the Board of Public Works]. The fees and charges shall be uniform throughout the State.

The Comptroller of the State shall require clerks of court to collect all fees required to be collected by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the schedules of court fees, costs, and charges set by the State Court Administrator with the approval of the Board of Public Works which are in effect ~~at-the-time-of-the-enactment~~ on the effective date of this Act shall remain in effect until they are revised by the General Assembly.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 408.

That bill, like Senate Bill 58 which I vetoed following the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, provides that the costs and fees to be charged by the clerks of the courts of this State, as determined by the State Court Administrator, are subject to the approval of the General Assembly. Under the bill enacted in 1981, the approval of two committees of the General Assembly was needed. As I pointed out then, the Maryland Constitution clearly infers that any modification to the schedule of court fees requires action by the entire Legislature in the manner set forth in Article III. 1981 Laws of Maryland at 3327-28.

Senate Bill 408 requires schedules of court costs and fees to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval by joint resolution. The resolution "may adopt, modify or reject any or all of the fees determined by the